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OF BIOFILM DEPOSITS IN MEMBRANE-SEPARATION SYSTEMS

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I hereby certify that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005, this correspondence is being transmitted to the attention of Examiner William T. Leader, via facsimile (703-872-9306) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1742.

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78 TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED  
DOMESTIC PRIORITY CLAIM

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request that the above-titled petition be granted on the basis of the following:

1. Coincident with the filing of this Petition, a Supplementary Response to Office Action has been sent to the Examiner of record requesting that the application be amended to include the reference required under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78 by replacing the first paragraph of the specification with the following paragraph:

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--[0001] This application is a continuation application of copending U.S. Serial No. 10/047,493, filed January 14, 2002, which was a CIP application of U.S. Ser. No. 09/416,255, filed October 12, 1999, abandoned, which was a CIP of 09/167,115 (now abandoned), which was a CIP of 08/779,819 (now Patent No. 5,817,224), which was a CIP of 08/197,154 (now Patent No. 5,591,317).--

2. The applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

3. The fee of \$1,370.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(t) is hereby authorized to charge against our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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